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**WHO:** Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald of the Supreme Court of Illinois; and an international faculty of scientists, engineers and policymakers.

**WHAT:** Justice Fitzgerald will present a welcoming address and act as moderator at the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Symposium of the International Society of Environmental Biotechnology (ISEB). The ISEB conference serves as a forum for scientists, engineers, biotechnologists, industrialists and policy makers from various governmental, industrial, academic organizations and foundations to discuss the progress of the basic science of environmental biotechnology and its impact. The goals of the Chicago conference include addressing issues pertaining to international collaboration, environmental justice and the impact of the progress of environmental biotechnology on society and its legal systems.

**WHEN:** Justice Fitzgerald will be among those giving welcoming remarks from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, June 18. The keynote speaker in the same time period is Professor Dr. H.R.H. Princess Chulabhorn Mahidol, daughter of the King of Thailand and President, Chulabhorn Research Institute, Bangkok, Thailand.

Justice Fitzgerald and Judge Timothy Evans, chief judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will moderate a panel from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 21 on environmental justice and how the legal process works in deciding complex scientific issues. The conference runs from Friday, June 18 through Monday, June 21.

**WHERE:** Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, 350 N. Orleans, Chicago.

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